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TAGS: EFIN ET  
SUBJ: PMAC ATTITUDES TOWARD ECONOMIC ISSUES

1. DURING COURSE OF MAR 29 CONVERSATION WITH ATO  
LEGESSE TIKKEHER, GOVERNOR-NATIONAL BANK OF ETHIOPIA,  
HE COMMENTED TO ECON/COMM COUNSELOR THAT THUS  
FAR THEREHAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN  
ECONOMIC POLICY GUIDANCE FROM THE PMAC EITHER  
FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY SINCE THE EVENTS OF FEB 3.  
HE BELIEVES THAT COL MENGISTU WILL PURSUE A PRAG-  
MATIC APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING AND WILL  
NOT LET IDEOLOGICAL DOGMAN OVERRIDE PRACTICAL  
ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS IN DECISIONS AFFECTING  
THE ETHIOPIAN ECONOMY. CONSEQUENTLY, HE DOES NOT  
BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE A CHANGE IN AGRICULTURE  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN FAVOR OF MORE RADICAL  
STRATEGIES (I.E., COMMUNALISM) AND HE DOES NOT EXPECT MORE  
NATIONALIZATIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HE ALSO BE-  
LIEVES THAT ACCEPTANCE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, WHETHER  
FROM EAST OR WEST, WILL BE PREDICATED ON THE NATIONAL  
INTERESTS OF ETHIOPIA RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL  
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AFFINITIES.

2. COMMENT: ATO LEGESSE'S COMMENTS REENFORCE THOSE  
OF MANY OTHER SENIOR ETHIOPIAN CIVIL SERVANTS RE-  
GARDING THE FUTURE COURSE OF ECONOMIC POLICY AND,  
AS YET, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNS OF A CHANGE IN THIS  
AREA SINCE THE EVENTS OF FEB 3. NEVERTHELESS,

WE PREFER TO RESERVE JUDGMENT FOR THE TIME BEING  
AS SENIOR PMAC LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING MENGISTU,  
APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN HEAVILY PREOCCUPIED WITH POLITICAL  
AND SECURITY CONCERNS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS  
AND MAY NOT HAVE HAD TIME TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC  
ISSUES.  
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